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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): A rearview mirror assembly for attachment to a vehicle via a holding tube, the assembly comprising:

a housing including a framing element configured to attach to the holding tube; and

a clamping part configured to attach to the holding tube disposed opposite of the framing element, the framing element and the clamping part cooperating to clamp with the holding tube and releasably attach to each other, the clamping part further configured to fastenably hold a mirror element, wherein one of the clamping part and the element framing has a hook element and one of the clamping part and the framing element has a snap connection, the hook element and the snap connection snap-connectable to secure the framing element and the clamping part together;

wherein the framing element defines a first recess and the clamping part defines a second recess, the first and second recess configured to encase the holding tube.

Claim 11-12 (canceled):

Claim 13 (currently amended): The rearview mirror assembly of claim ~~42~~ 17, wherein said configured areas comprise recesses with at least the first and second selected of said recesses each have at least having one of a projection, and an indentation wherein

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~~the first and second said holding arm includes one of said projections and indentations each have at least one complementary recess, the at least one wherein said projections and indentations are positioned to inter-engage when said framing and said bracket are secured about said holding arm securing said framing and said bracket against rotation securing said framing and said bracket. configured to be rotationally secured in the at least one complementary recess~~

Claim 14 (currently amended): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 44 17, further comprising a housing cover releasably attached to the framing, the housing cover made of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) and framing made of fiberglass reinforced plastic.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 44 17, wherein the carrier plate is acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) and 30% fiberglass, the carrier plate having a thickness of between one and one and one-half millimeters.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 10 wherein said clamping part is a plastic housing having at least one first opening therethrough and said framing element has at least one second opening therethrough which aligns with said at least one first opening, a ~~fastening member passing~~ connector passes through said first and second openings securing said first and second recesses of said at least one of said clamping part and said framing element with said holding tube.

Claim 17 (new): A rearview mirror assembly for attachment to a vehicle comprising:

- a holding arm carried by said vehicle;
- a mirror element having a mirror pane attached to a carrier plate;
- a positioning apparatus supporting said carrier plate;
- a framing having a configured area adapted to engage with said holding arm;
- a bracket, including an upper strip and a lower strip and a configured area spaced from said upper and lower strip adapted to engage with said holding arm;
- a plurality of connectors adapted to engage with said positioning apparatus, said framing and said upper and lower strips of said bracket securing said framing and said bracket with said holding arm and said positioning apparatus with said framing and said bracket; wherein,
- said mirror assembly is attached with said vehicle.

Claim 18 (new): The mirror assembly of claim 17 wherein said holding arm comprises an upper arm separated from a lower arm and said configured area adjacent said upper strip of said bracket is engaged with said upper arm and said configured area adjacent said lower strip of said bracket is engaged with said lower arm.

Claim 19 (new): The mirror assembly of claim 17 wherein said configured area of at least one of said framing and bracket comprises a recess, said recess cooperating with the configured area of the other of said framing and said upper and lower strips to

secure said framing and said upper and lower strips with said holding arm.

Claim 20 (new): The mirror assembly of claim 17 wherein said framing and said bracket include a hook and a snap connection, said hook and snap connection cooperating to secure said framing and bracket together.

Claim 21 (new): The mirror assembly of claim 17 wherein said connectors secure said framing and said bracket with each other and said holding arm.

Claim 22 (new): The mirror assembly of claim 17 wherein said connectors secure said positioning apparatus with said bracket.

Claim 23 (new): The mirror assembly of claim 17 including a housing cover and hook and hook connectors carried by said housing cover and said framing said hook and hook connectors securing said housing cover with said framing in position covering said bracket.